



Welcome to Worship with Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, whether you worship with us in-person or are online worshippers (live-streamed on Facebook @HSLCORinda or archived at www.holyshepherd.org.) In whatever way you join us, may you know God's grace as we worship.

Please Note though many indoor masking requirements have been lifted in Contra Costa County – in-person worshippers are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings while indoors on our campus. Wearing face coverings is one way we can actively love our neighbors as ourselves!

Know that You Are Welcome! We share in Holy Communion during the context of this morning's service. This is the Lord's table. He is the host. We are his guests. He welcomes everyone to come and be fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live!

Your Offerings While continuing pandemic restrictions discourage the traditional 'passing of the offering plate', know that we welcome your gifts to the work of our congregation. An offering plate is located in our entryway / narthex area if you would like to share a gift to support our efforts. Alternatively, we'd invite you to visit our website at www.holyshepherd.org and utilize Givelify, our online giving platform.

▲ indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able

GATHERING MUSIC Julie Hamre

OUR CALL TO WORSHIP IN CHRIST ALONE
Lyrics and Music by Stuart Townend

WORDS OF WELCOME

▲ OUR WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Autumn – for the community in which we live – is a season of thankfulness. It is a time to remember the abundance with which we have been blessed. It is a time to remember those with whom we are called to share. So let us begin our time of worship by recalling

words first penned by our nation's sixteenth president, Abraham Lincoln: "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God."

P: **Forgive us our forgetfulness, Holy One.**

L: "We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own."

P: **Forgive us our arrogance, Holy One.**

L: "Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."

P: **Forgive us our blindness to our own failings and to the needs of our neighbors.**

L: Hear the Good News! God is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. To all who believe in Jesus Christ, God grants freedom from the power of sin, and through the Holy Spirit gives life, forgiveness, and resurrection from the dead.

P: **Amen!**

▲ OUR GATHERING SONG A MIGHTY FORTRESS
Lyrics and Music by Martin Luther / ELW #504

***A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.***

***No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.***

***Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot over-pow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.***

***God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fight by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!***

▲ **OPENING LITANY**

based on Psalm 136

- L: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.
P: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**
L: O give thanks to the One who creates all things.
P: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**
L: Who by understanding made the heavens and the earth.
P: **Who crafted stars and distant galaxies.**
L: Who spread out the earth on the waters.
P: **Who planted the earth with redwoods and oak trees.**
L: Who gives food to all living things.
P: **Who provides for our every need.**
L: Who remembers us in our low estate.
P: **Who rescues the broken and the hurting.**
L: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.
P: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**
L: So let us pray ...
P: **Generous God, you gave your servant Solomon wisdom so that he might govern your people well. Grant us your wisdom, so that we might perform our life's duties with gratitude and wisdom. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE LESSON

1 Kings 3:4-9, 16-28

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon, the

Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. The one woman said, "Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house, and I gave birth while she was in the house. Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house; only the two of us were in the house. Then this woman's son died in the night because she lay on him. She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast and laid her dead son at my breast. When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead, but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne." But the other woman said, "No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours." The first said, "No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine." So they argued before the king.

Then the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son who is alive, and your son is dead,' while the other says, 'Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one.'" So the king said, "Bring me a sword," and they brought a sword before the king. The king said, "Divide the living boy in two; then give half to the one and half to the other." But the woman whose son was alive said to the king, because compassion for her son burned within her, "Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!" The other said, "It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it." Then the king responded, "Give her the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother." All Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered, and they stood in awe of the king because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him to execute justice.

KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

(Including the Installation of Sunday School Teachers)

THE SERMON

Pastor John Valentine

▲ OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

▲ THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation, utilizing the prayer refrain "God of grace, hear our prayer."

THE MUSICAL OFFERTORY

BUILT ON A ROCK

Lyrics and Music by Jay Althouse

▲ OUR COMMUNION LITURGY (based on Martin Luther's Small Catechism)

L: One day, Jesus's disciples asked him how to pray, and as a part of his answer he taught them to pray: "Give us this day our daily bread."

P: **God gives us daily bread, even when we do not pray for it, even to those who do not deserve it.**

L: But still Jesus taught us to pray: "Give us this day our daily bread."

P: **We ask in this prayer that God would help us to realize God's goodness, and receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

L: But what does Jesus mean when he teaches us to pray: "Give us this day our daily bread"?

P: **Daily bread includes everything we need for life in this world.**

L: Food and clothing ...

P: **Home and property ...**

L: Work and income ...

P: **A devoted family ...**

L: An orderly community ...

P: **Good government ...**

L: Favorable weather ...

P: **Peace and health ...**

L: A good reputation ...

P: **True friends and neighbors.**

L: But people shall not live by bread alone, but by every word which proceeds from the mouth of God.

P: **Jesus Christ is the word of God, the Word made flesh. He is the bread of life.**

L: We remember that on the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.' Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.' And so – gathered into one by the Holy Spirit – let us pray as Jesus taught us.

P: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

As we share Holy Communion this morning, we invite you to come to the Altar Rail and kneel or stand as you are able. During the serving of Holy Communion, you are invited to join in singing the following songs:

CHRIST ABOVE ME

Lyrics and Music by John Chisum and George Searcy

Chorus

**Christ above me, Christ beside me,
Christ within me ever guiding;
Christ behind me, Christ before,
Christ, my love, my life, my Lord.**

**Bread of life from heaven,
Lover of my soul;
Peace of God so ever present,
I surrender my control to ... (Chorus)**

**Mercy everlasting,
Tenderness divine;
Word of God so ever healing,
I surrender heart and mind to ... (Chorus)**

AMAZING GRACE

Lyrics by J. Newton / Music by W. Walker / ELW #779

**Amazing grace!– how sweet the sound–
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BENEDICTION

L: Now may the blessing of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit strengthen and encourage you as you go out from here to live lives of gratitude and service. Amen.

C: **Amen!**

▲ OUR SENDING SONG BY GRACE ALONE
Lyrics and Music by Tom Henry

**He is the resurrection and the light unto the world
Whoever believes in Him shall see the glory of God.
Come out of the darkness and find the Son of Man.
Open your hearts to Him and sing across the land.**

Chorus:

**We are saved by grace alone
By our faith in this free gift of God.
We've all sinned and fallen short;
But by grace we are saved!**

**God revealed Himself to us in the presence of His Son.
May you be strengthened by His power and His love.
Sing on high the ministry of the word, the truth, the light.
Everlasting life is ours, that's the good news of the Lord.**

(Chorus)

**Harden not your hearts, my friends,
but sing unto the Lord
Everlasting love is ours,
your faith has shown the way.
Remember to do His will
and praise His name on high.
Come together and join your hands
and share His news today.**

(Chorus)

Tag Ending: **For by Grace we are saved!
For by grace we are saved!**

▲ THE CHARGE

L: Go in peace, to love God by serving your neighbor!

P: **Thanks be to God!**

SENDING MUSIC

BY GRACE ALONE (Reprise)

Thank you to our Combined Worship Teams for sharing their gifts of music with us today, including:

Tom Henry – Guitarist, Vocalist and Creative Co-Director

Bethany Valentine – Vocalist and Creative Co-Director

Elizabeth Humphrey – Vocalist

Gretchen Stenson – Vocalist

Diana Riveness Young – Vocalist

Sharon Tissue – Vocalist

Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson – Vocalist

Joe Zingale – Vocalist

Ed Szaky – Vocalist

Steve Swanback – Vocalist

Bob Schmalz – Vocalist

Pastor John Valentine – Vocalist

Julie Hamre – Organist and Pianist

Marc Levine – Pianist

Our annual 'Marty Party' – a community celebration honoring the Reformers of the Church – takes place right after worship this morning! Join us as you are able as we eat and laugh and learn together!

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